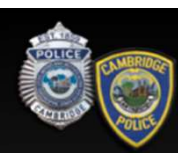




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Part I Total Crime

An analysis of serious crime statistics for April of 2023 points to a sizable increase of 20% in the Part One index total for Cambridge when compared with the same time frame in 2022. During the first four months of this year, there were 910 serious crimes reported in the City. For the same time period in 2022, the combined total for Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny & Auto theft was 760 incidents. When measured against the five-year average, a 26% rise in the crime index has been registered.

Further analysis of the crime totals for the first four months of 2023 indicates that violent crimes recorded a 15% increase to start the year when compared with last year. Similarly, property crimes rose 21% with 134 additional crimes reported when compared with the first four months of 2022. There were zero homicides, 16 rapes, 28 robberies, and 80 aggravated assaults recorded in the first 121 days of 2023.

The 108% increase in shoplifting, the 33% rise in aggravated assault, and the 62% increase in bicycle larcenies when compared with 2022 are the key trend indicators observed so far in 2023 that have driven the upward curve in the crime index for April. Conversely, overall robberies decreased by 20% from 35 to 28 incidents and larcenies from motor vehicles dropped 23% from 149 thefts to 114 when comparing the first four months of 2023 with that of 2022.

When analyzing the serious crime totals of April of 2023 versus the previous month of March 2023, there has been a minimal increase of 6% in the number of index incidents with 13 more crimes reported.

	<u>4 Week Snapshot</u>			<u>Year to Date</u>			<u>Five Year</u>	
	3/7/23 - 4/3/23	4/4/23 - 5/1/23	Change	2022	2023	Change	Avg	Change
Total Violent Crime	26	31	19%	108	124	15%	92	35%
Total Property Crime	184	192	4%	652	786	21%	628	25%
Total Part I Crime	210	223	6%	760	910	20%	720	26%



Part I Property Crime

Analysis of property crime totals through April of 2023 reveals a 21% increase when measured against the 2022 totals through April and a 25% rise above the five-year average of 628.

A majority of the property crime categories below recorded inclines when measured against the first four months of 2022, most notably a 108% jump in shopliftings (up 86 incidents), a 62% surge in bike thefts (up 49 incidents), a 34% increase in thefts from residences (up 30), and a 13% rise in commercial breaks (up 2 incidents). Meanwhile, larcenies from motor vehicles dropped 23% (down 35 thefts) and housebreaks decreased by 20% (down 13 incidents).

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	3/7/23 - 4/3/23	4/4/23 - 5/1/23	Change	2022	2023	Change	Avg	Change
Burglary	19	13	-32%	80	69	-14%	66	5%
Commercial Break	4	5	25%	15	17	13%	17	0%
Housebreak	15	8	-47%	65	52	-20%	49	6%
Larceny	154	170	10%	540	678	26%	535	27%
Larceny (Misc)	4	3	-25%	23	21	-9%	15	40%
Larceny from Building	18	14	-22%	74	72	-3%	66	9%
Larceny from MV	22	25	14%	149	114	-23%	120	-5%
Larceny from Person	6	9	50%	36	31	-14%	34	-9%
Larceny from Residence	33	22	-33%	87	117	34%	106	10%
Larceny of Bicycle	29	53	83%	79	128	62%	97	32%
Larceny of Plate	2	3	50%	6	17	183%	6	183%
Larceny of Services	1	3	200%	6	12	100%	4	200%
Shoplifting	39	38	-3%	80	166	108%	87	91%
Auto Theft	11	9	-18%	32	39	22%	27	44%
Total Property Crime	184	192	4%	652	786	21%	628	25%



Part I Violent Crime

From January 1st to May 1st of 2023, there were 124 violent crimes recorded in Cambridge, 16 incidents (+15%) above last year's total of 108 incidents through the same time and 32 incidents above the 92 crimes forecasted for the first four months of the year.

There have been 16 rapes reported in Cambridge thus far in 2023, up by three incidents compared to the same time in 2022. The rapes reported in 2023 have been categorized as five domestic incidents, five acquaintance incidents, five contact scenarios, and one blitz assault.

The trend observed during the past couple years of a high percentage of aggravated assaults and street robberies occurring in Central Square and on peripheral side streets may slowly be returning with the warm weather, after a first-quarter lull in activity in that area. So far, four months into the year, 22 of the 80 aggravated assaults and four of the 14 street robberies have been reported in the Central Square area.

For only the fourth time in 20 years, no murders were reported in Cambridge in 2022 and this trend has continued through April of 2023. The last murder in Cambridge took place on March 27th, 2021, on Pemberton St. It remains under investigation.

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	3/7/23 - 4/3/23	4/4/23 - 5/1/23	Change	2022	2023	Change	Avg	Change
Homicide	0	0	IN-CALC	0	0	IN-CALC	1	-100%
Rape	4	5	25%	13	16	23%	9	78%
Robbery	9	8	-11%	35	28	-20%	22	27%
Commercial Robbery	5	3	-40%	6	14	133%	5	180%
Street Robbery	4	5	25%	29	14	-52%	17	-18%
Aggravated Assault	13	18	38%	60	80	33%	60	33%
Total Violent Crime	26	31	19%	108	124	15%	92	35%



MURDER

No Patterns

- No murders have been reported in Cambridge in 2023 through May 1, 2023.*
- There were no murders recorded in Cambridge in 2022. This has happened only three other times in the past 20 years—in 2004, 2007, and 2010.
- In the last reported homicide in Cambridge, on Saturday 3/27/21, there was a fatal shooting that occurred at approximately 12:40 a.m. on Pemberton Street. The victim was reportedly located unconscious outside his vehicle by a passerby who called 911. The victim was transported to Mount Auburn Hospital where he later died. The victim has been identified as Xavier Louis-Jacques, 19, of Cambridge. The investigation is ongoing.
- On April 23, 2020, Jose Bermudez was arrested for the fatal daylight stabbing of 33-year-old Danilo Perez in Central Square on April 14. Bermudez and Perez were both part of the homeless community and were known to each other. Bermudez is being held without bail. This was the only homicide recorded in 2020.
- There was one murder in Cambridge in 2019. The Middlesex DA's Office and the Cambridge Police are asking for public assistance regarding the ongoing investigation into the fatal incident that occurred in the New Street area of Danehy Park around 6:30PM on the night of January 2nd, 2019. This incident is being investigated as a homicide. The preliminary investigation suggests that the victim, 60-year-old Paul Wilson, died as a result of blunt force trauma and that robbery does not appear to have been the motive.

* Please note: These figures exclude the fatal Cambridge Police officer-involved shooting of Sayed Faisal on January 4, 2023.

Percent Change*

Last 4 Weeks

0%

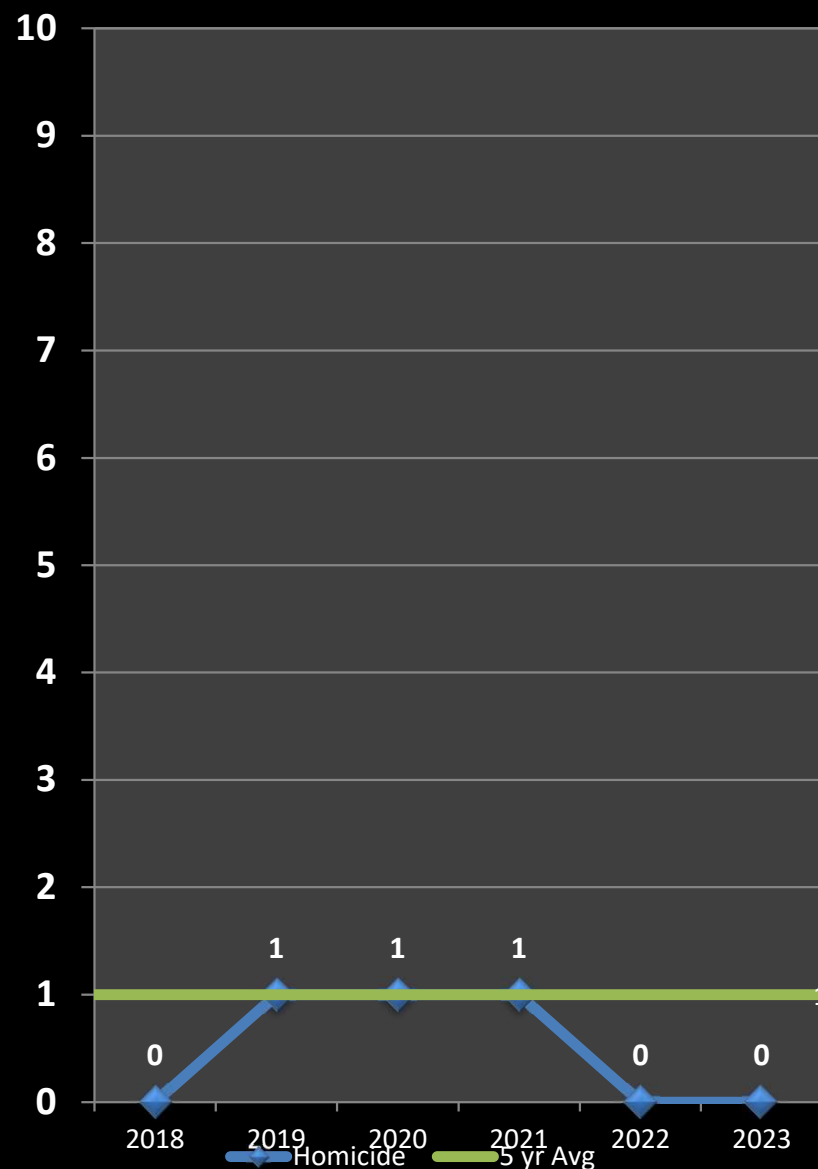
Previous Year

0%

5-Year Average

0%

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RAPE

No Patterns

- There were 16 rapes reported in Cambridge during the first four months of 2023, which is up three incidents (23%) compared to the number reported through the same time frame in 2022.
- The rapes reported thus far in 2023 have been categorized as five domestic incidents, five acquaintance incidents, five contact scenarios, and one blitz assault.
- One of the domestic assaults resulted in the arrest of the suspect at the time.
- The total number of reported rapes tends to fluctuate from year to year, but the number of stranger-to-stranger rapes reported each year in Cambridge—typically between one and five—remains extremely low.

Percent Change*

Last 4 Weeks

25%

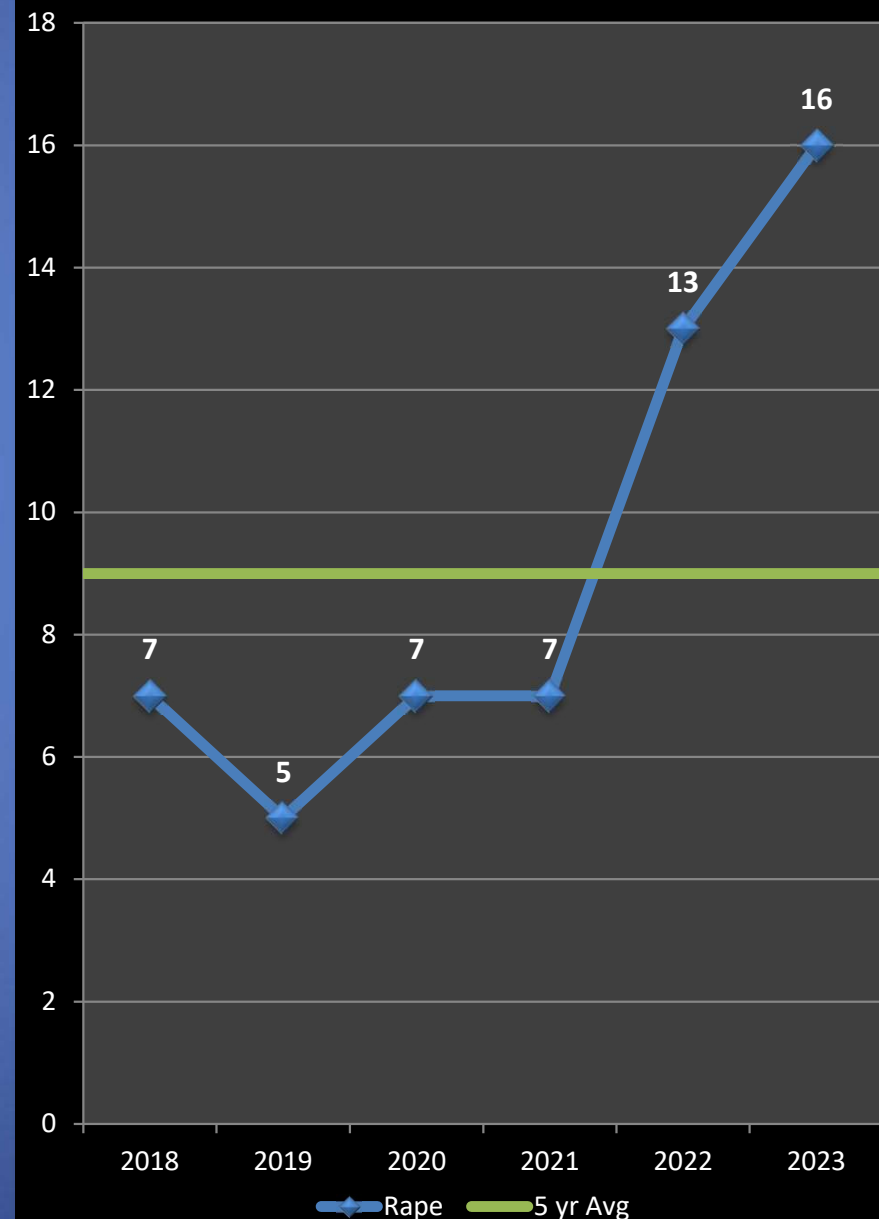
Previous Year

23%

5-Year Average

78%

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AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

No Patterns

- The total of 80 aggravated assaults reported through May 1st of 2023 was 20 crimes (+33%) above the total for the first four months of 2022, as well as 20 incidents (+33%) above the five-year average of 60 crimes.
- The 80 aggravated assaults reported over the first 17 weeks of this year were comprised of the following classifications: 15 unprovoked scenarios; 14 psychotic episodes; 11 domestic altercations; 10 juvenile-related assaults; 9 assaults between acquaintances; 6 traffic-and-parking incidents; 4 affrays/brawls, 3 shop owner/patron assaults, 2 each of drug deals gone awry; unhoused assaults; and assault on police, and one each of the following: landlord/neighbor assault and a workplace incident.
- The trend observed during the past couple years of a high percentage of aggravated assaults occurring in Central Sq and on peripheral side streets may slowly be returning with the warmer weather, after a first-quarter lull in activity in that area. Thus far in 2023, 22 of the 80 assaults citywide have been reported in Central Sq. However, unlike in 2022, other areas of the city are also seeing the emergence of hotspots this year (see map on slide 8).
- There has been one confirmed shots fired incident in Cambridge through May 1, 2023*, resulting in the non-fatal shooting of two victims on Washington St. Through the same time period in 2022, there were four shots fired incidents, none of which resulted in gunshot wounds. See map on slide 9 for more info.

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Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

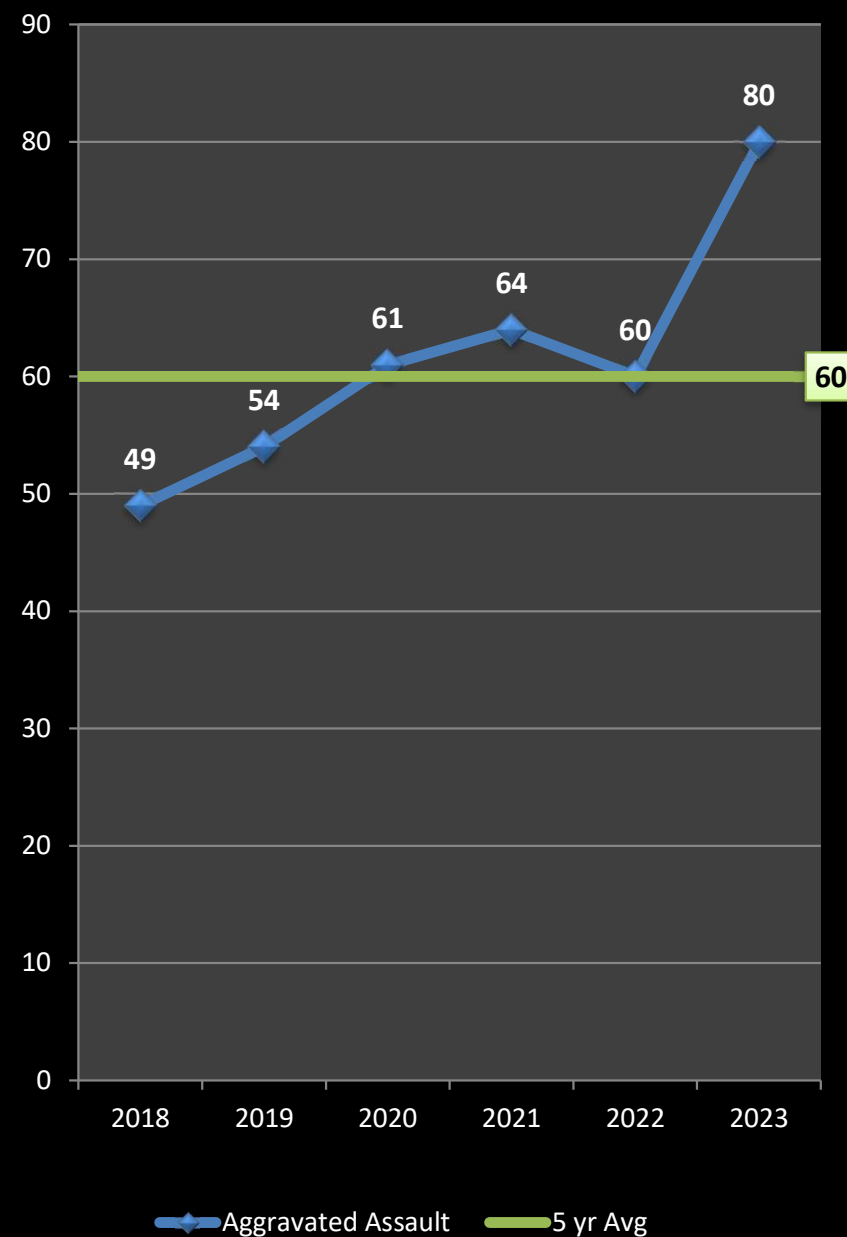
+38%

Previous Year

+33%

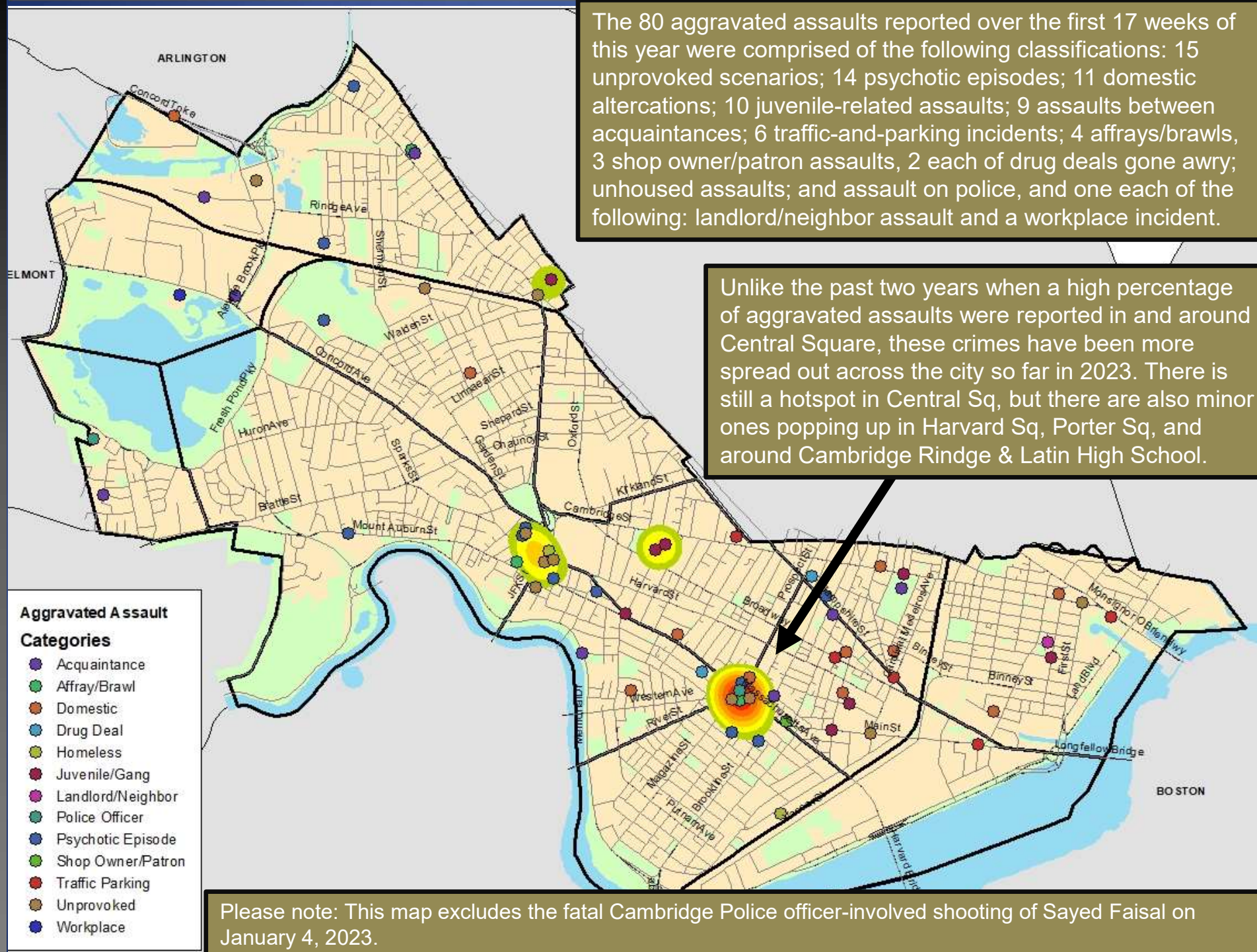
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+33%





Geographic Breakdown of Aggravated Assaults: 1.1.23 – 5.1.23

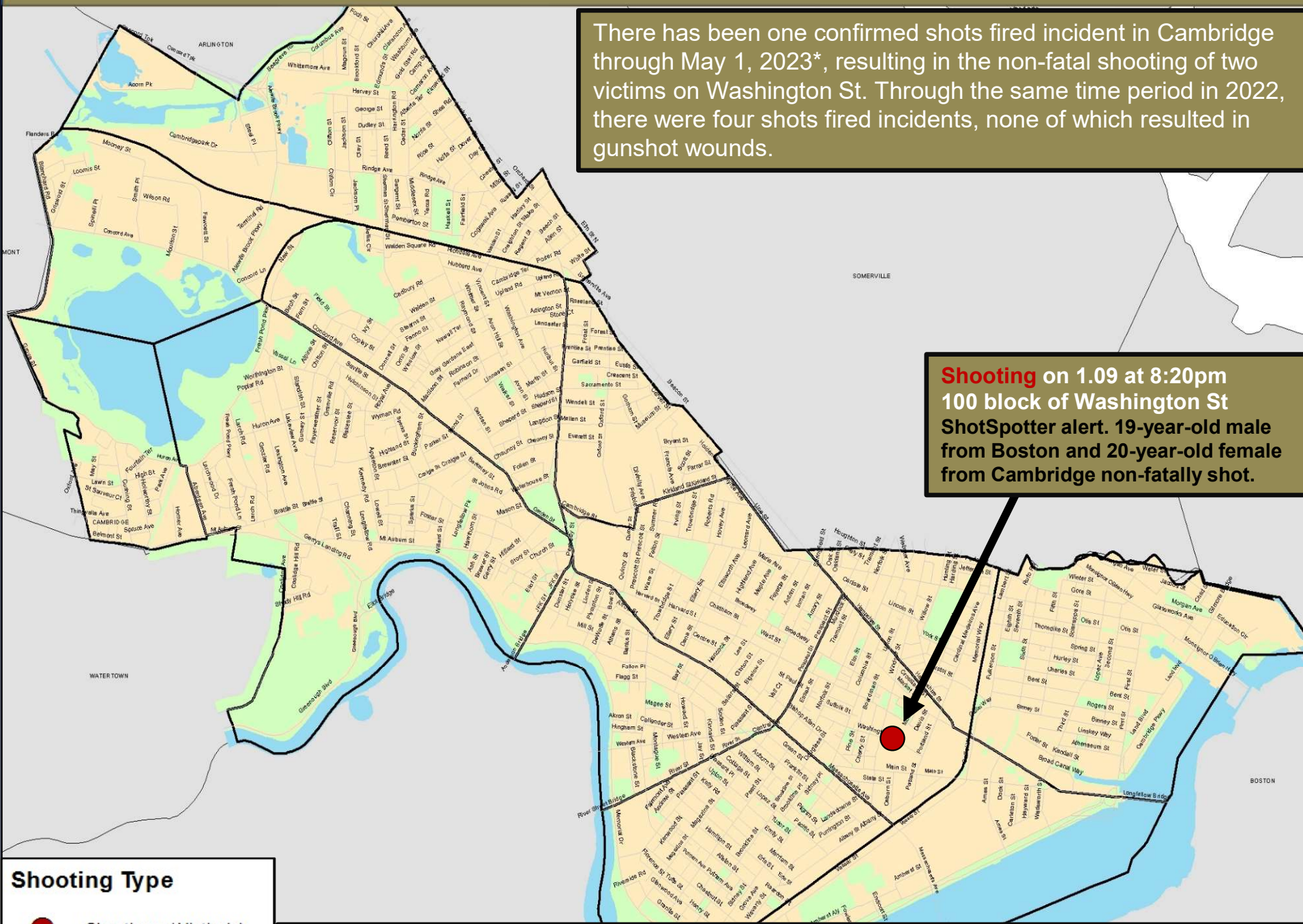




Confirmed Shots Fired and Shootings in Cambridge: 1.1.23 – 5.1.23

There has been one confirmed shots fired incident in Cambridge through May 1, 2023*, resulting in the non-fatal shooting of two victims on Washington St. Through the same time period in 2022, there were four shots fired incidents, none of which resulted in gunshot wounds.

Shooting on 1.09 at 8:20pm
100 block of Washington St
ShotSpotter alert. 19-year-old male from Boston and 20-year-old female from Cambridge non-fatally shot.



Shooting Type

- Shooting w/ Victim(s)
- Shots Fired (no victims)

*Please note: This figure/map excludes the fatal Cambridge Police officer-involved shooting of Sayed Faisal on January 4, 2023.

Robbery

No Patterns

- The five-year average for overall robbery in Cambridge for the first four months of the year is 22 incidents. Through May 1st of 2023, 28 robberies were recorded, which translates to a 27% increase above the projected total and a 20% decline below the 35 robberies counted through May 1st of 2022.
- Commercial robberies in 2023 rose another three incidents in April, bringing the year-to-date total to 14. This total is 133% above the six reported through 5/1 of last year and 180% above the five-year average of five. Part of the increase in 2023 can be attributed to a regional pattern of armed commercial robberies involving a lone male suspect with a firearm that affected both Cambridge and Boston during the first quarter. This pattern came to an end in late March with the arrest of a Cambridge male. Many of the remaining commercial robberies this year have involved escalated shoplifting incidents at retail stores across the city.
- The 14 street robberies reported year-to-date in 2023 are down 52% from the 29 reported through this time in 2022 and are down 18% from the five-year average of 17. No street robbery patterns have emerged anywhere in Cambridge year-to-date.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

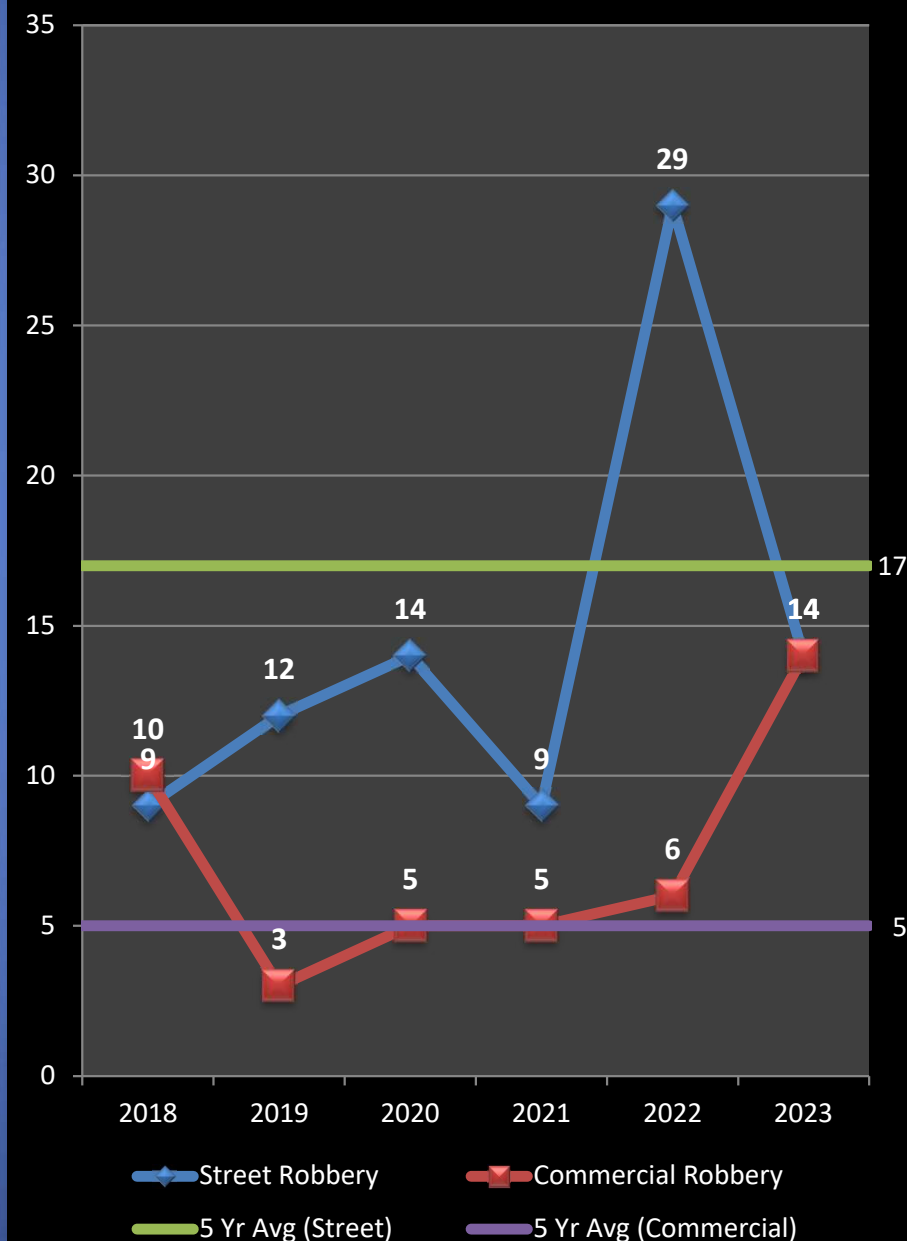
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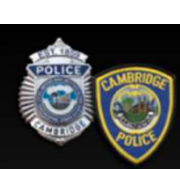
Previous Year

-20%

5-Year Average

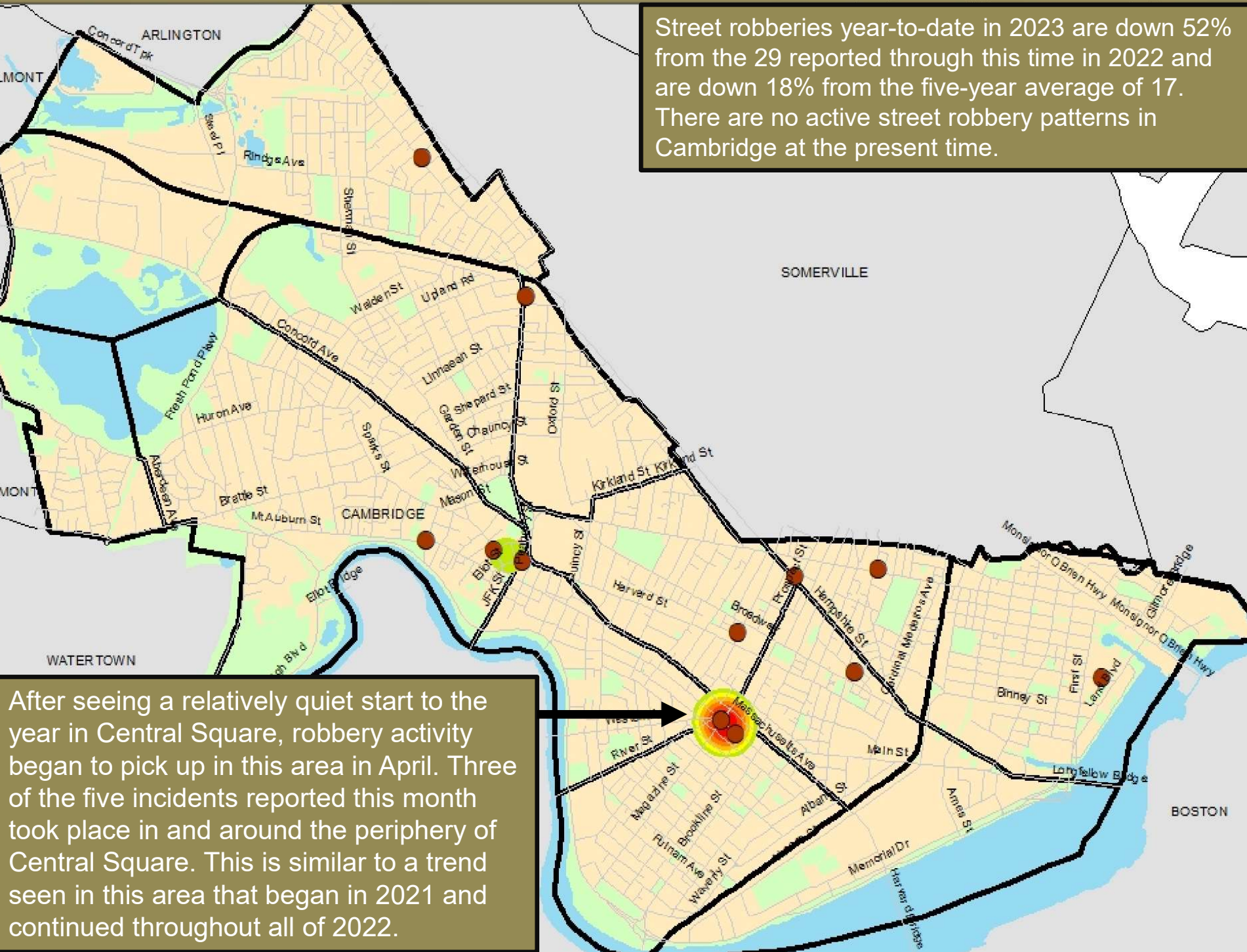
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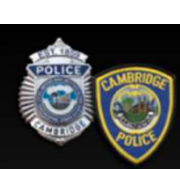


Geographic Breakdown of Street Robberies: 1.1.23 – 5.1.23

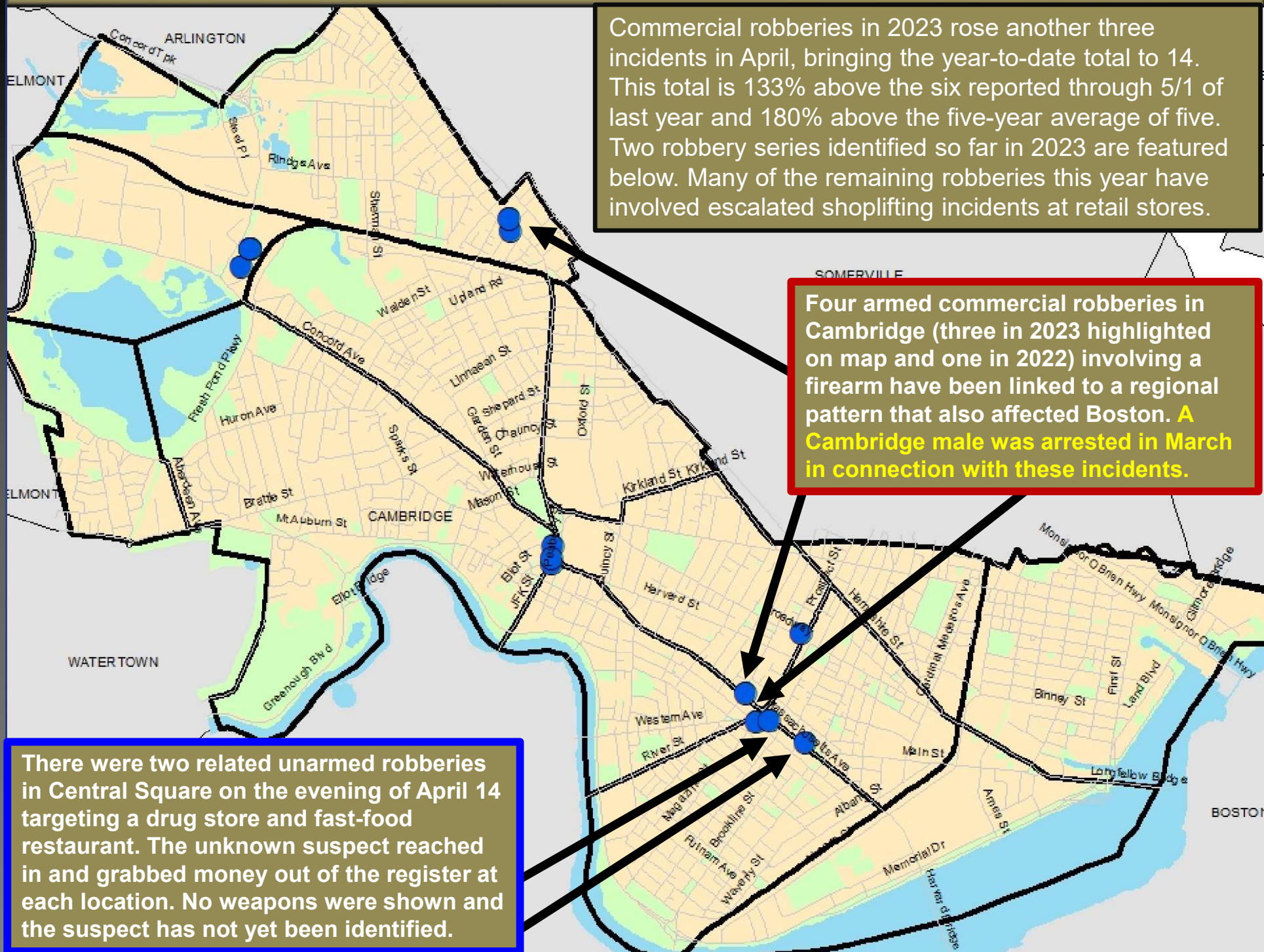
Street robberies year-to-date in 2023 are down 52% from the 29 reported through this time in 2022 and are down 18% from the five-year average of 17. There are no active street robbery patterns in Cambridge at the present time.



After seeing a relatively quiet start to the year in Central Square, robbery activity began to pick up in this area in April. Three of the five incidents reported this month took place in and around the periphery of Central Square. This is similar to a trend seen in this area that began in 2021 and continued throughout all of 2022.



Geographic Breakdown of Commercial Robberies: 1.1.23 – 5.1.23



Burglary

No Patterns

- The property index crime of burglary, the combination of residential and commercial breaks, has recorded an increase of 5% through April of 2023 when compared to the five-year average, with three additional incidents reported above the projected total of 66 breaks. When compared with last year's total of 80 incidents for the first four months of the year, a 14% decrease has been registered (down 11 incidents in 2023).
- Housebreaks year-to-date in 2023 have decreased by 13 incidents when compared to 2022 (dropping 20% from 65 to 52). March saw the highest number of housebreaks to date in 2023 with 18 reported.
- Suspects have been arrested or otherwise identified in 11 of the housebreaks so far this year.
- Commercial breaks for the first four months of 2023 have risen by two crimes (+13%), from 15 in 2022 to 17 in 2023. The breaks have been spread out across the city with no discernable patterns.
- Three individuals have been arrested in connection with three different commercial breaks year-to-date, and a suspect has been developed in a fourth.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

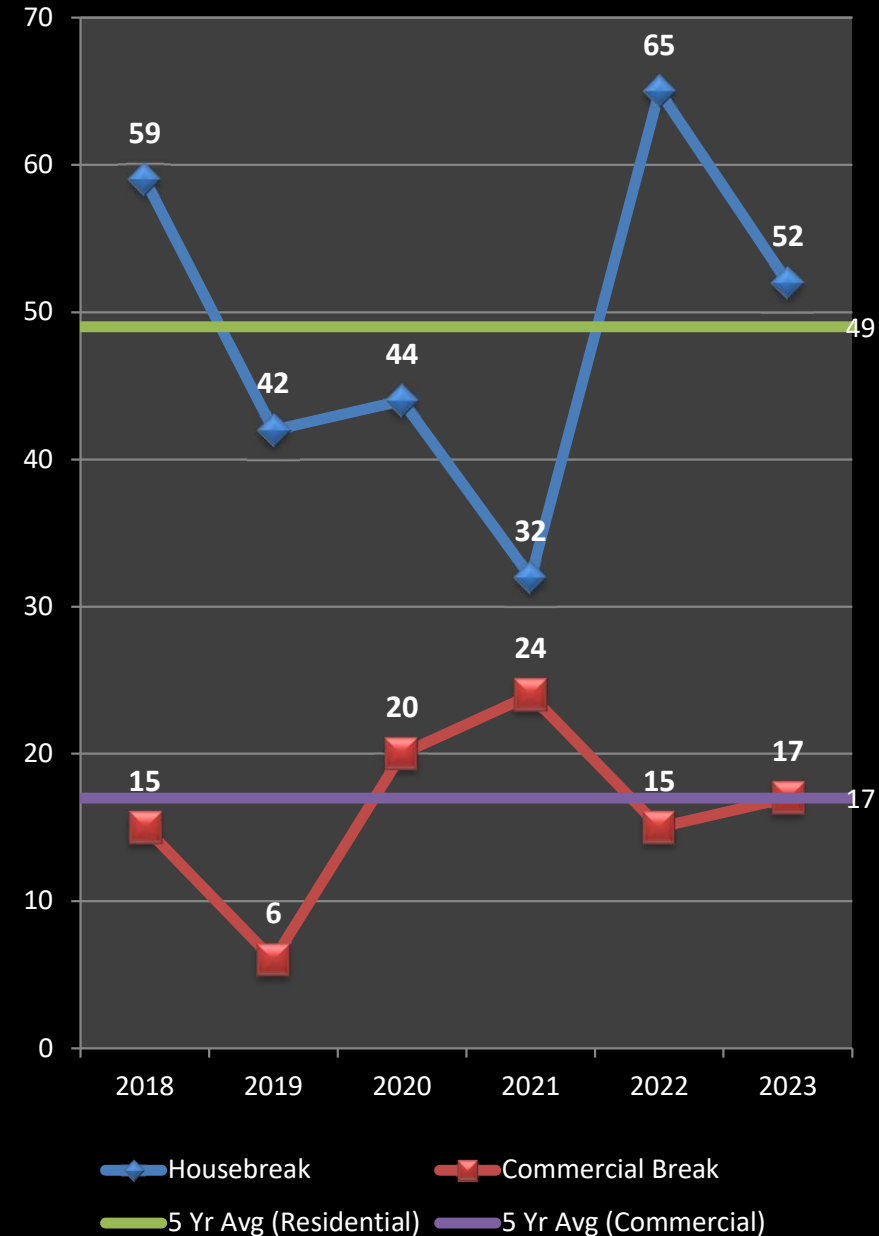
-32%

Previous Year

-14%

5-Year Average

+5%





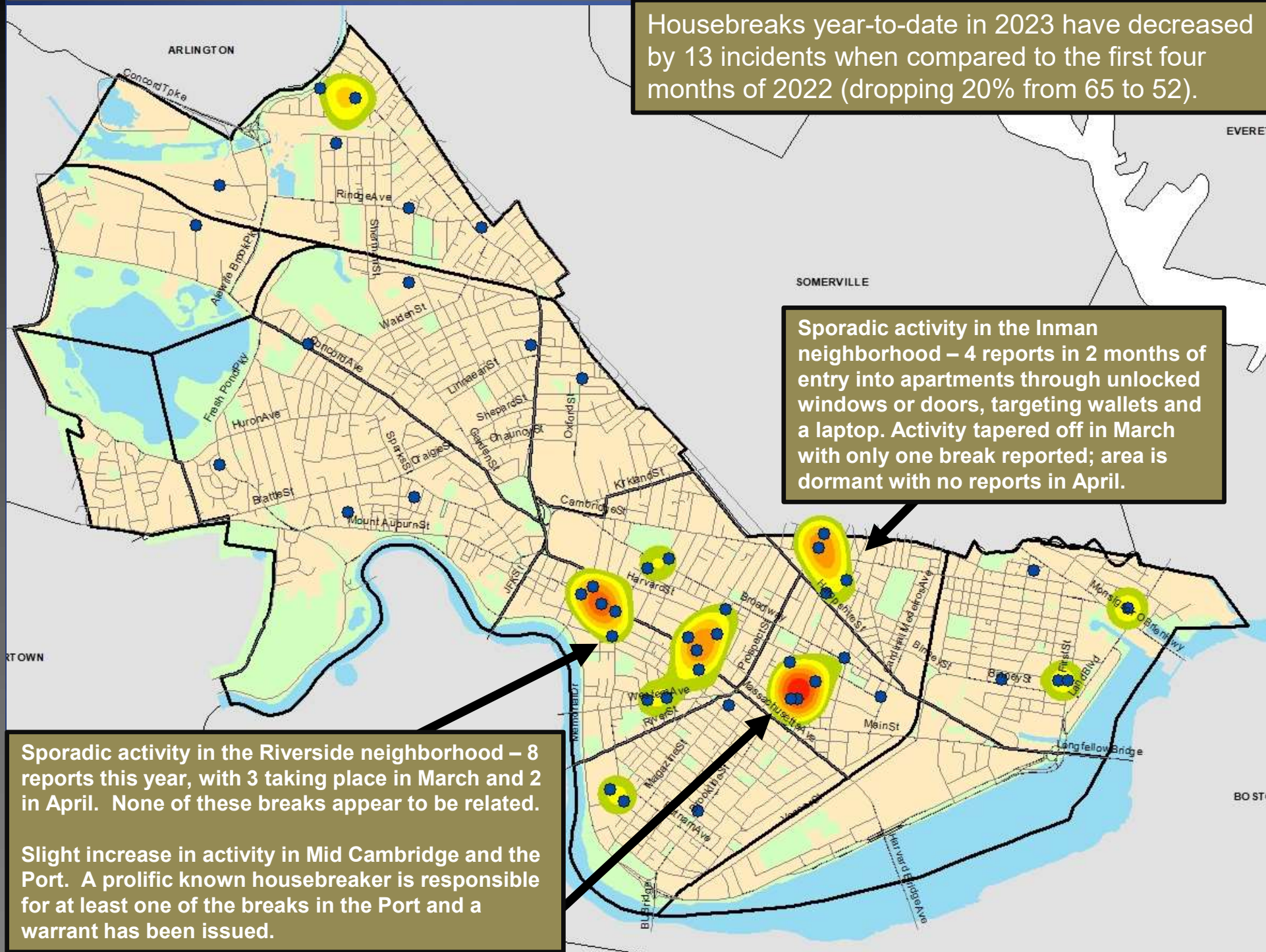
Geographic Breakdown of Housebreaks: 1.1.23 – 5.1.23

Housebreaks year-to-date in 2023 have decreased by 13 incidents when compared to the first four months of 2022 (dropping 20% from 65 to 52).

Sporadic activity in the Inman neighborhood – 4 reports in 2 months of entry into apartments through unlocked windows or doors, targeting wallets and a laptop. Activity tapered off in March with only one break reported; area is dormant with no reports in April.

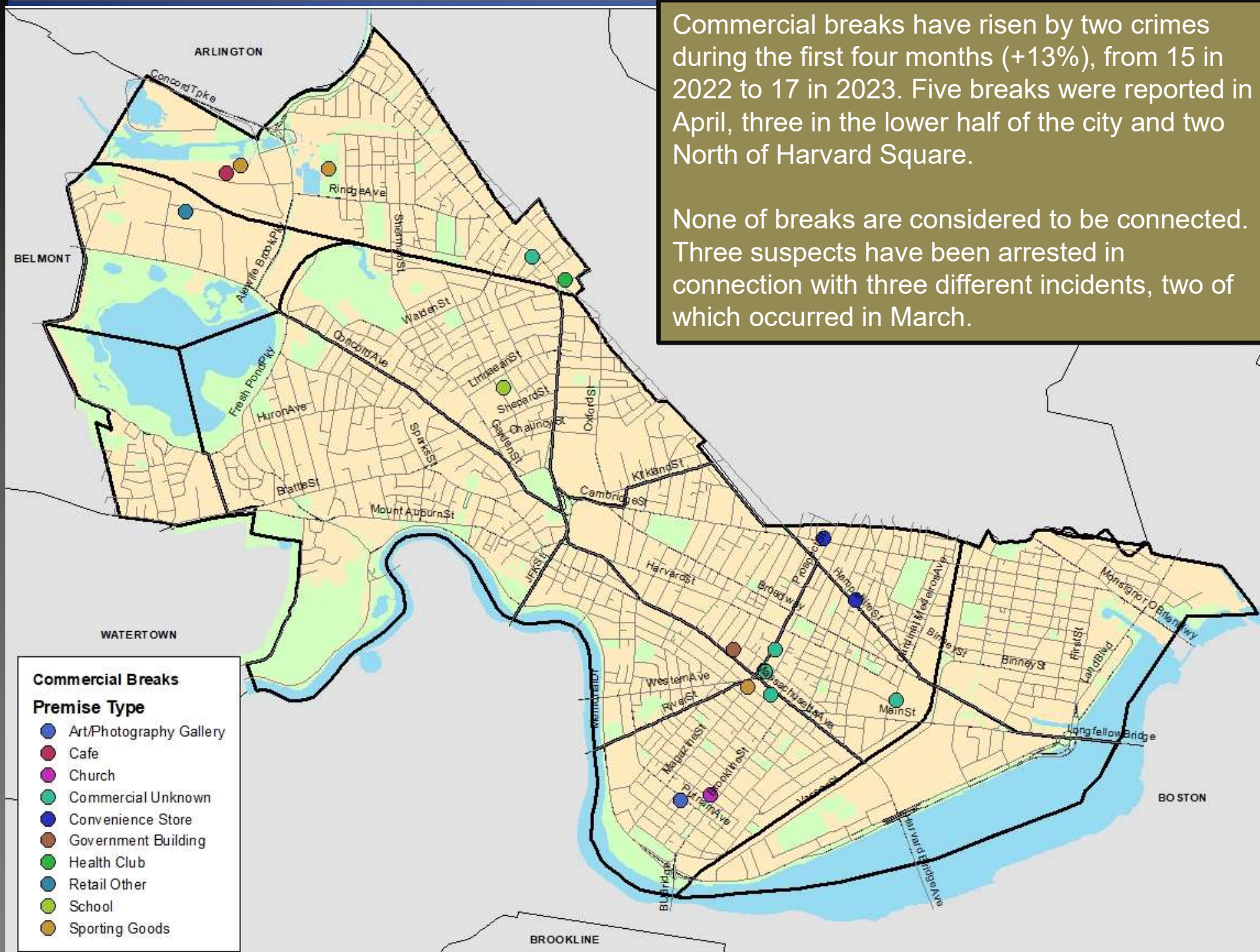
Sporadic activity in the Riverside neighborhood – 8 reports this year, with 3 taking place in March and 2 in April. None of these breaks appear to be related.

Slight increase in activity in Mid Cambridge and the Port. A prolific known housebreaker is responsible for at least one of the breaks in the Port and a warrant has been issued.





Geographic Breakdown of Commercial Breaks: 1.1.23 – 5.1.23



LARCENY

No Patterns

- Preliminary stats indicate that overall larceny through May 1st 2023 is registering at 678 incidents, 26% above the same time frame in 2022. The total of 678 larcenies reported year-to-date in 2023 is also 27% above the 5-year average of 535 incidents.
- The larceny from motor vehicles total through 5/1 in 2023 is 114 incidents, 23% below the same time frame in 2022. The 114 thefts reported are six less than the number forecasted for 2023. The decrease in 2023 compared to last year can be attributed to a drop in catalytic converter thefts so far in 2023—in 2022, 53 were reported through 5/1/22, while only 21 have been reported so far this year.
- Through May 1, 2023, there were 31 larcenies from the person reported in Cambridge, down five incidents (-14%) compared to the same time period in 2022. The 2023 total is 9% (3 incidents) below than the 5-year average of 34. Central Square has seen the most activity so far this year with 16 incidents.
- There were 72 larcenies from buildings reported through May 1, 2023. This total is similar to last year with two fewer thefts reported in 2023 and six additional incidents (9%) reported above the 5-year average. The increase in incidents over the last two years can be attributed to a continued trend of thefts from lockers at a local gym in Porter Sq.
- Larcenies from residences are up 30 incidents (34%) in 2023 when compared with 2022. Package thefts have made up the majority of this crime type in recent years and registered even higher than average in 2020-2022, likely due to the increased volume of deliveries during the pandemic. Package thefts have accounted for 76 (or 65%) of the 117 larcenies from residences thus far in 2023.
- There were 128 larcenies of bicycles reported through May 1st of 2023. This total is 49 incidents (+62%) above last year's total and 31 incidents (+32%) above the five-year average of 97. The warmer and less snowy weather this year when compared to 2022 may partly be a cause for the increase so far in 2023, as overall ridership may have remained higher this year.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

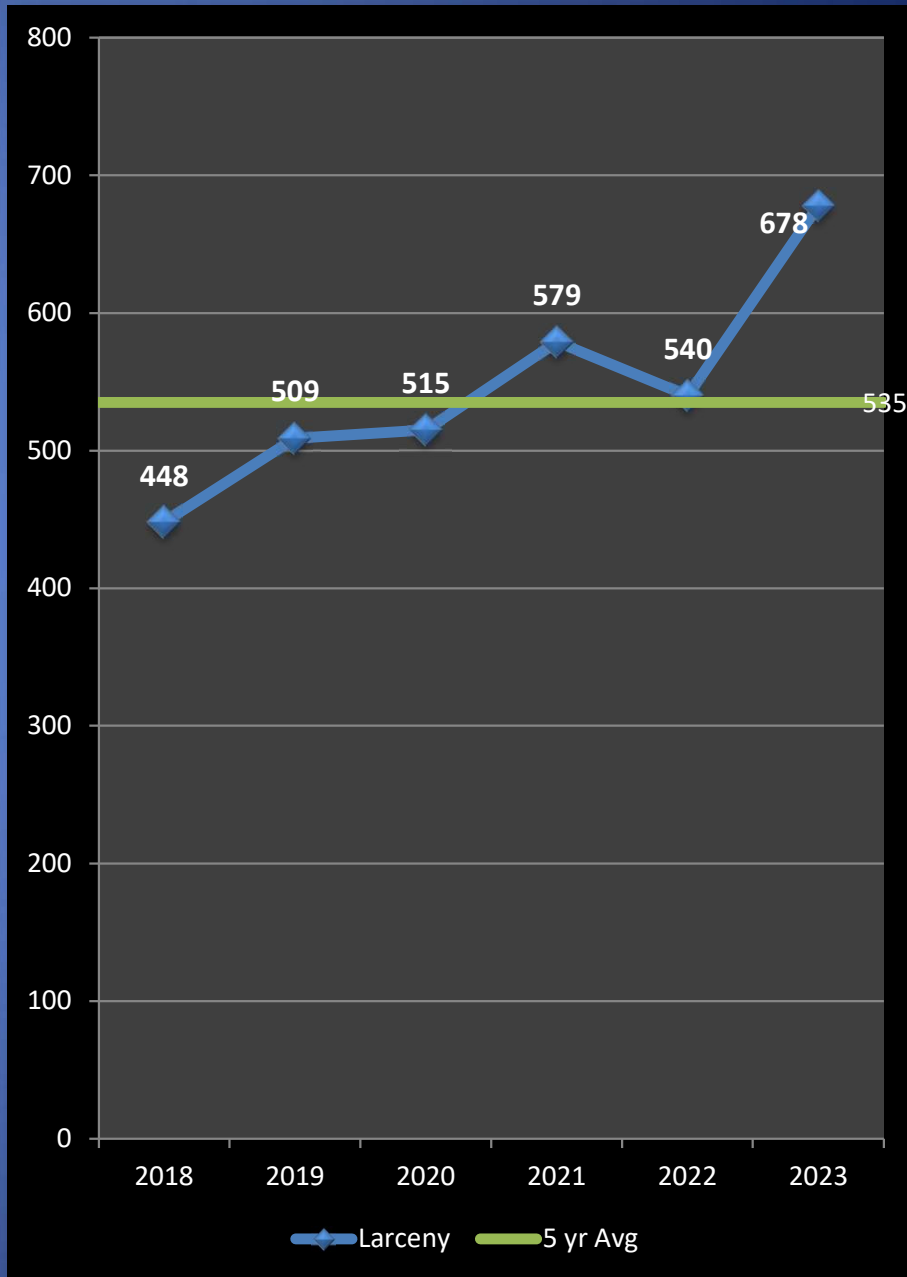
+10%

Previous Year

+26%

5-Year Average

+27%





LARCENY From MV

No Patterns

- The larceny from motor vehicle total for the first four months of 2023 is 114 incidents, which is 23% below the total for the same time period in 2022. The 114 thefts from cars reported thus far in 2023 is six incidents below the number forecasted through the first 17 weeks of 2023.
- The neighborhoods with the highest larceny from motor vehicle totals so far in 2023 are: North Cambridge (23), Riverside and Cambridgeport (14 each), and Peabody (11).
- Comparing the last four weeks (April) to the previous four (March), there was a 14% increase in larcenies from motor vehicles, with three additional crimes reported.
- There have been multiple larcenies from motor vehicles this year where suspects have also tampered with the ignition in an unsuccessful attempt to steal the vehicle. This can be attributed to a recent TikTok trend targeting Kia and Hyundai vehicles.
- Catalytic converter thefts became a problem in Cambridge in January of 2021. Surges continued sporadically throughout 2021 and 2022, with at least 128 reported in 2022 alone. This activity has not been as prolific in 2023, with only 21 incidents reported so far this year compared to the 53 thefts reported during the same time frame in 2022. In fact, not a single catalytic converter theft was reported stolen in Cambridge in April. However, it remains to be seen whether this crime type will re-emerge as the year progresses.
 - The majority of the catalytic converter thefts in Cambridge in recent years have involved 2004-2009 Toyota Priuses.
 - Thus far in 2023, the majority of the catalytic converter theft activity has been reported overnight in the upper half of Cambridge, north and west of Harvard Square.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

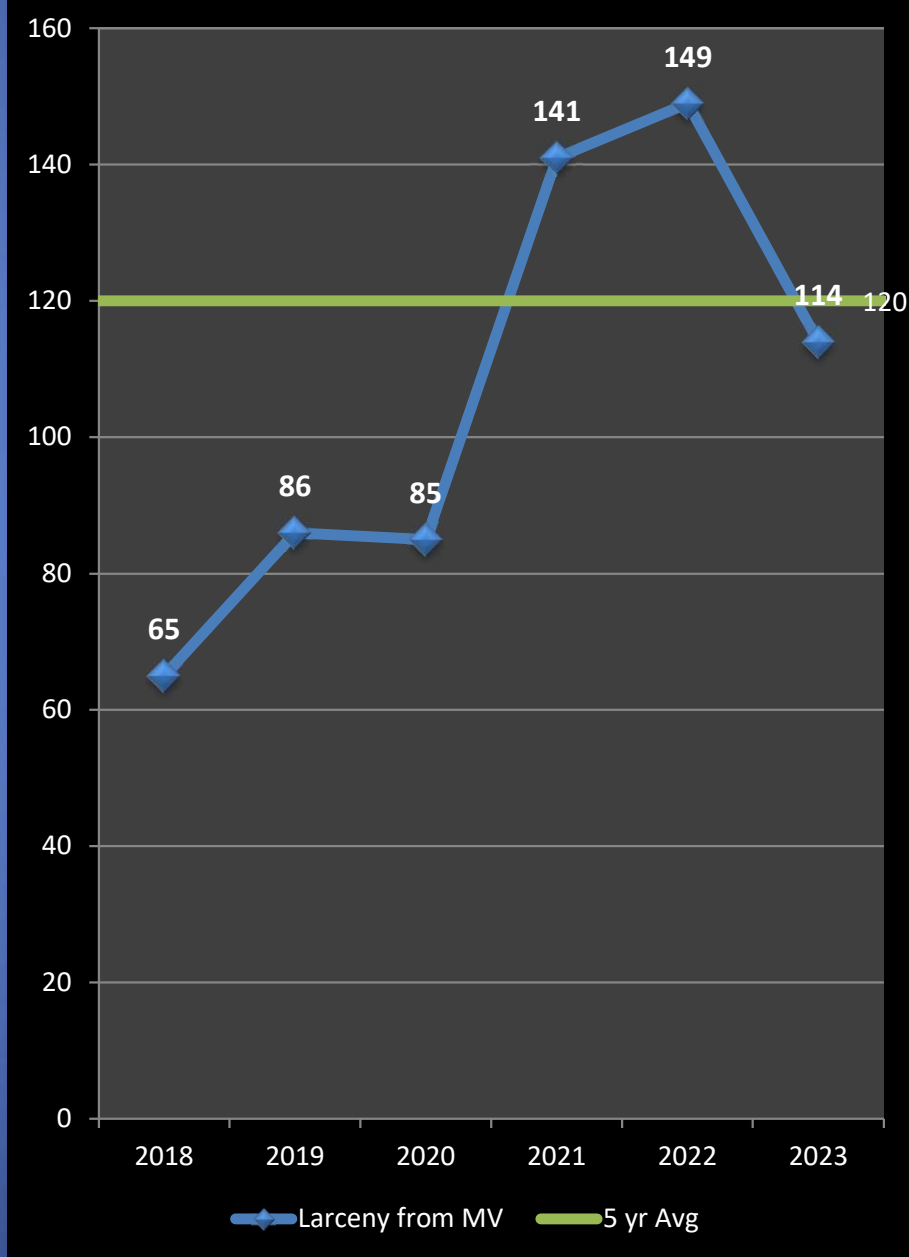
+14%

Previous Year

-23%

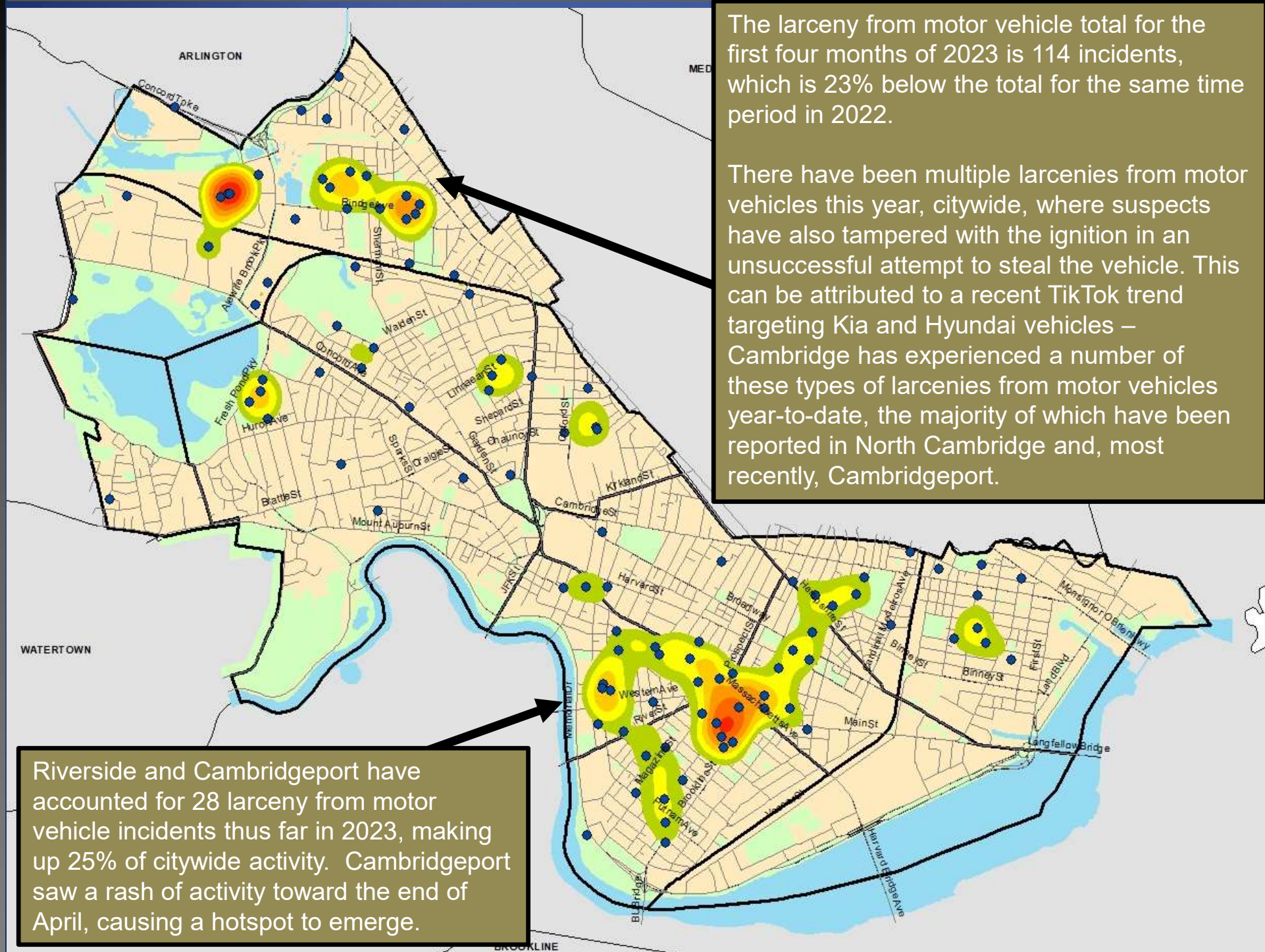
5-Year Average

-5%





Geographic Breakdown of Larceny from Motor Vehicles: 1.1.23 – 5.1.23





LARCENY *from Person*

No Patterns

- Larcenies from the person during the first four months of 2023 decreased by five incidents (-14%) over the same time period in 2022 and dropped by three incidents when comparing 2023 to the five-year average of 34. Nine thefts were reported in the past four weeks (April), up three from the previous four weeks (March).
- Sixteen of the 31 incidents year-to-date in 2023 took place in Central Square. The other incidents took place throughout the city, with Harvard Square registering the next highest amount with five thefts, followed by three in the East Cambridge/CambridgeSide area, two each in the Cambridgeport/Riverside area and the Porter Square area, and one each in the Bay Square area, the Alewife/West Cambridge area, and the Kendall Square/MIT area. This crime type is starting to return to pre-COVID levels after experiencing substantial reductions during 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-related closures and restrictions around the City.
- In recent years, higher numbers in Central Square have mainly been due to grab-and-run situations and/or incidents that involved individuals who are unhoused whose property may have been stolen while they were asleep or otherwise distracted. Eleven of the 16 thefts in Central Square thus far in 2023 have fallen into these categories.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

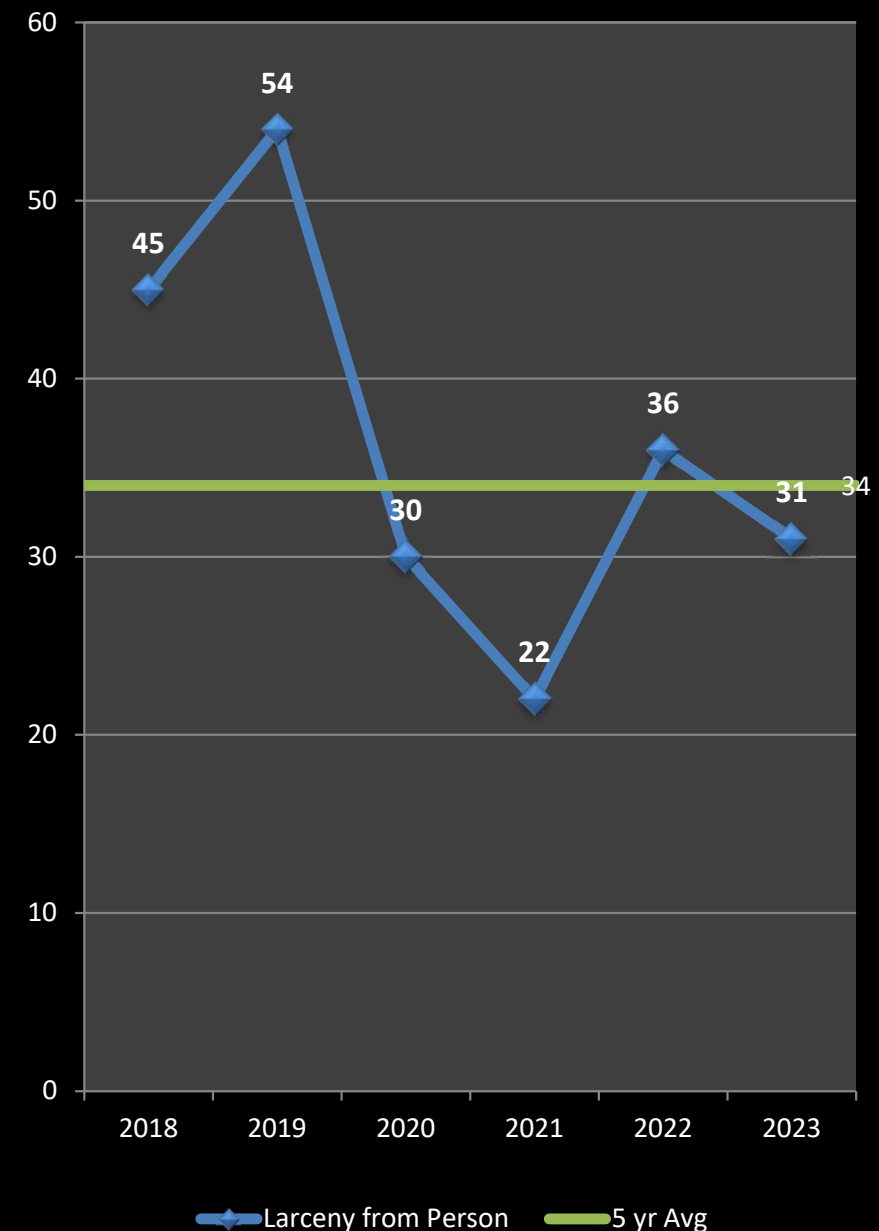
+50%

Previous Year

-14%

5-Year Average

-9%



LARCENY of Bicycle

No Patterns

- Likely due at least in part to the warmer weather and limited snow this year, 2023 has started off with an increase in bike thefts when compared to 2022. There were 128 thefts reported citywide through May 1st, 2023, compared to 79 through the same time in 2022, equaling a 62% increase this year. Additionally, the 2023 total was 32% (31 incidents) above the five-year average of 97.
- April saw an increase in bike thefts when compared with March, with 24 more thefts reported in April (+83%).
- Only 38 bike thefts or 30% of all citywide thefts have occurred North of Harvard Square.
- Of the 128 bike thefts reported so far in 2023, 96 (75%) were reportedly locked at the time of the theft.

Top Neighborhoods for Bike Theft in 2023:

Neighborhood	YTD Total	% Citywide
Cambridgeport	26	20%
N. Cambridge / Mid-Cambridge	20 each	16% each
E. Cambridge / Riverside	12 each	9% each
Peabody	9	7%

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

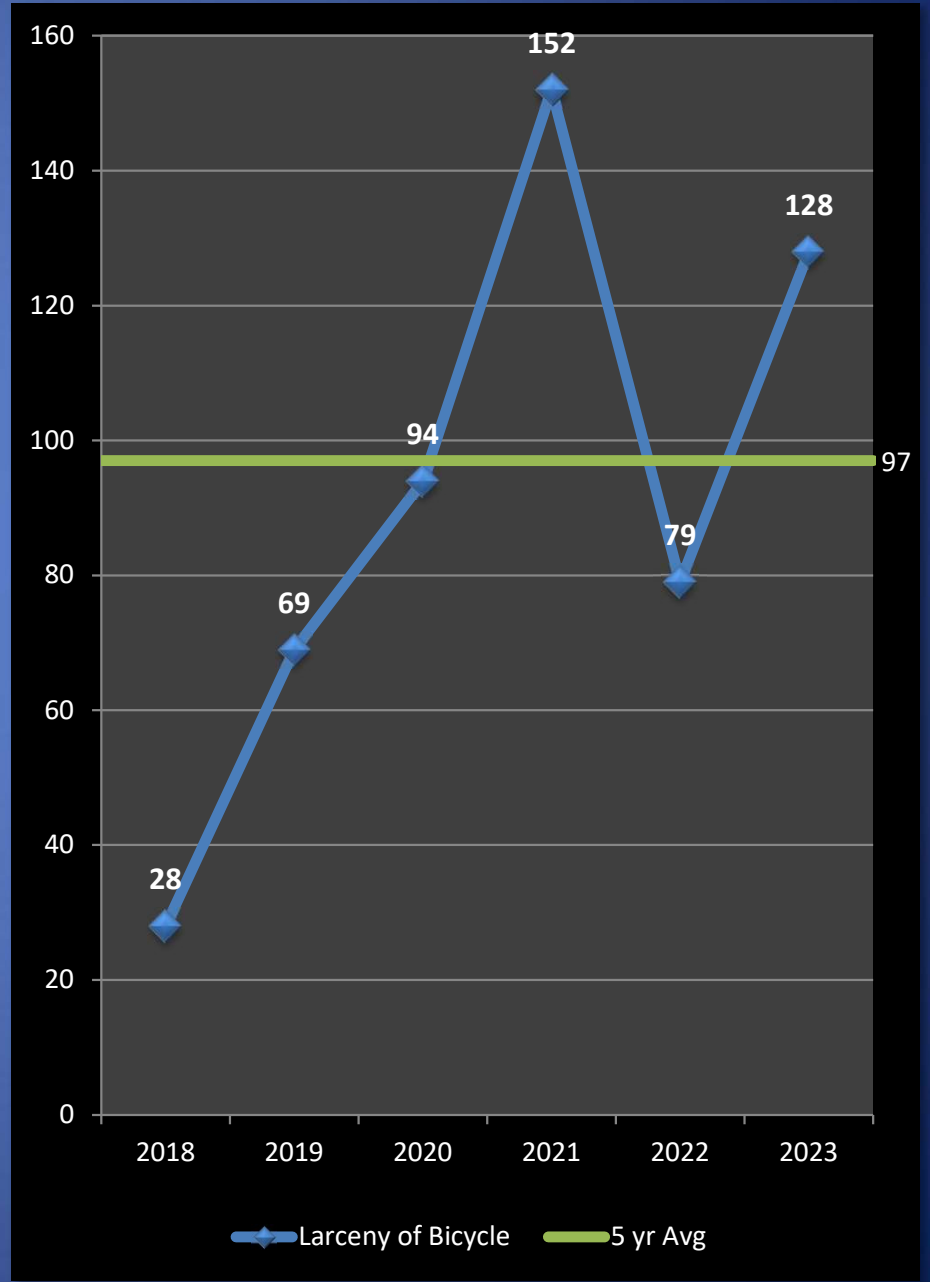
Previous Year

5-Year Average

+83%

+62%

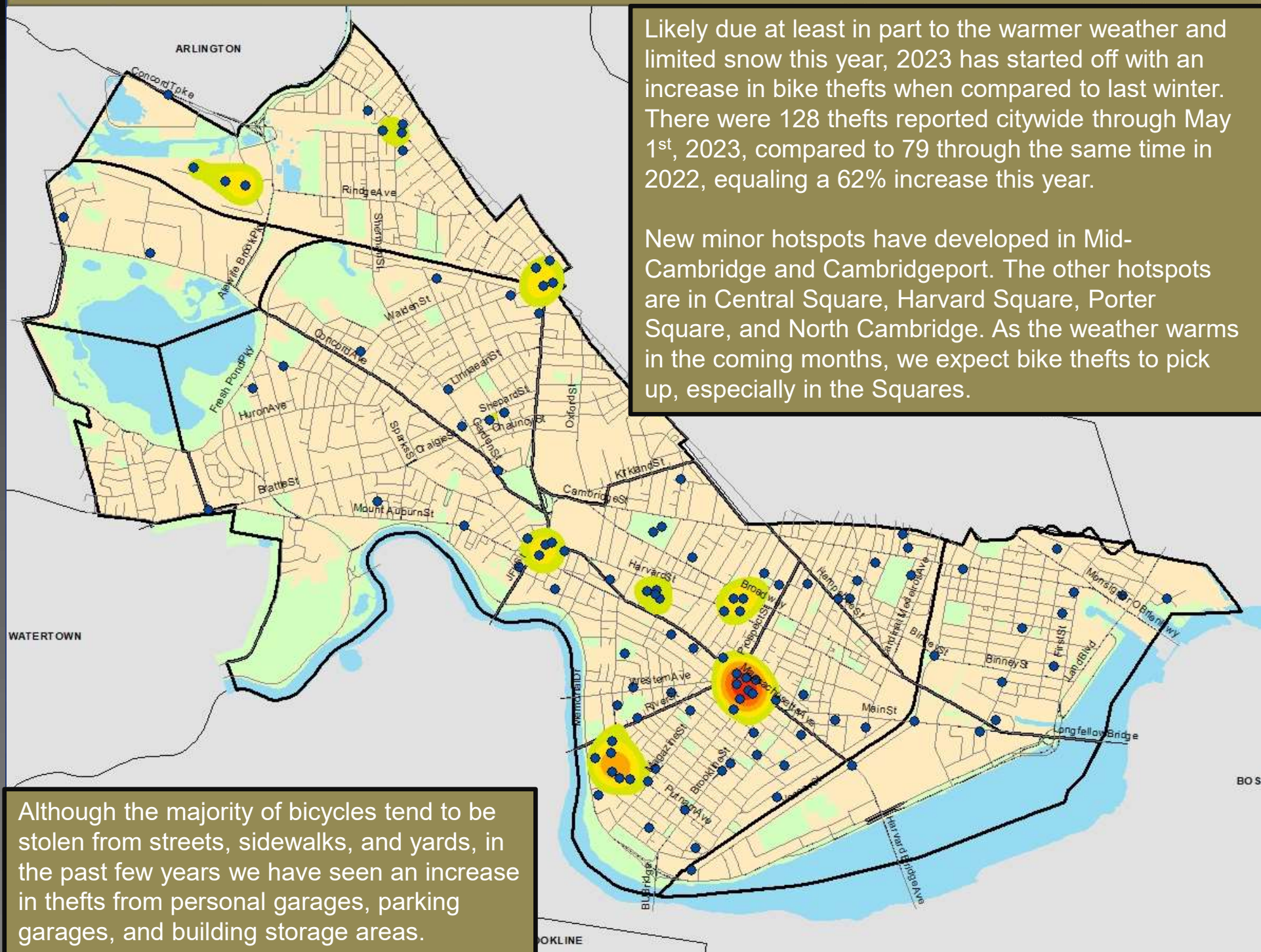
+32%





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Geographic Breakdown of Larceny of Bicycles: 1.1.23 – 5.1.23



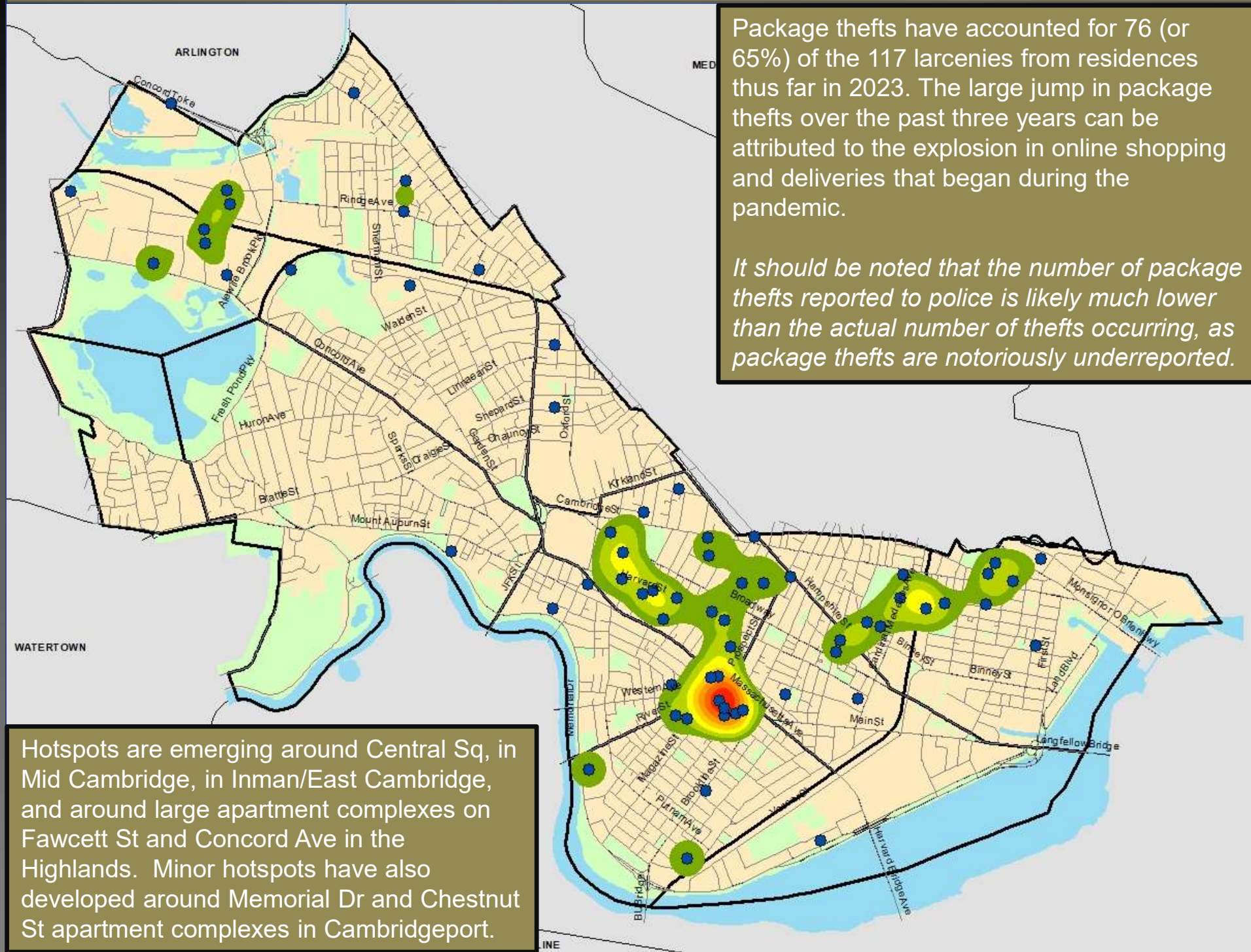
Likely due at least in part to the warmer weather and limited snow this year, 2023 has started off with an increase in bike thefts when compared to last winter. There were 128 thefts reported citywide through May 1st, 2023, compared to 79 through the same time in 2022, equaling a 62% increase this year.

New minor hotspots have developed in Mid-Cambridge and Cambridgeport. The other hotspots are in Central Square, Harvard Square, Porter Square, and North Cambridge. As the weather warms in the coming months, we expect bike thefts to pick up, especially in the Squares.

Although the majority of bicycles tend to be stolen from streets, sidewalks, and yards, in the past few years we have seen an increase in thefts from personal garages, parking garages, and building storage areas.

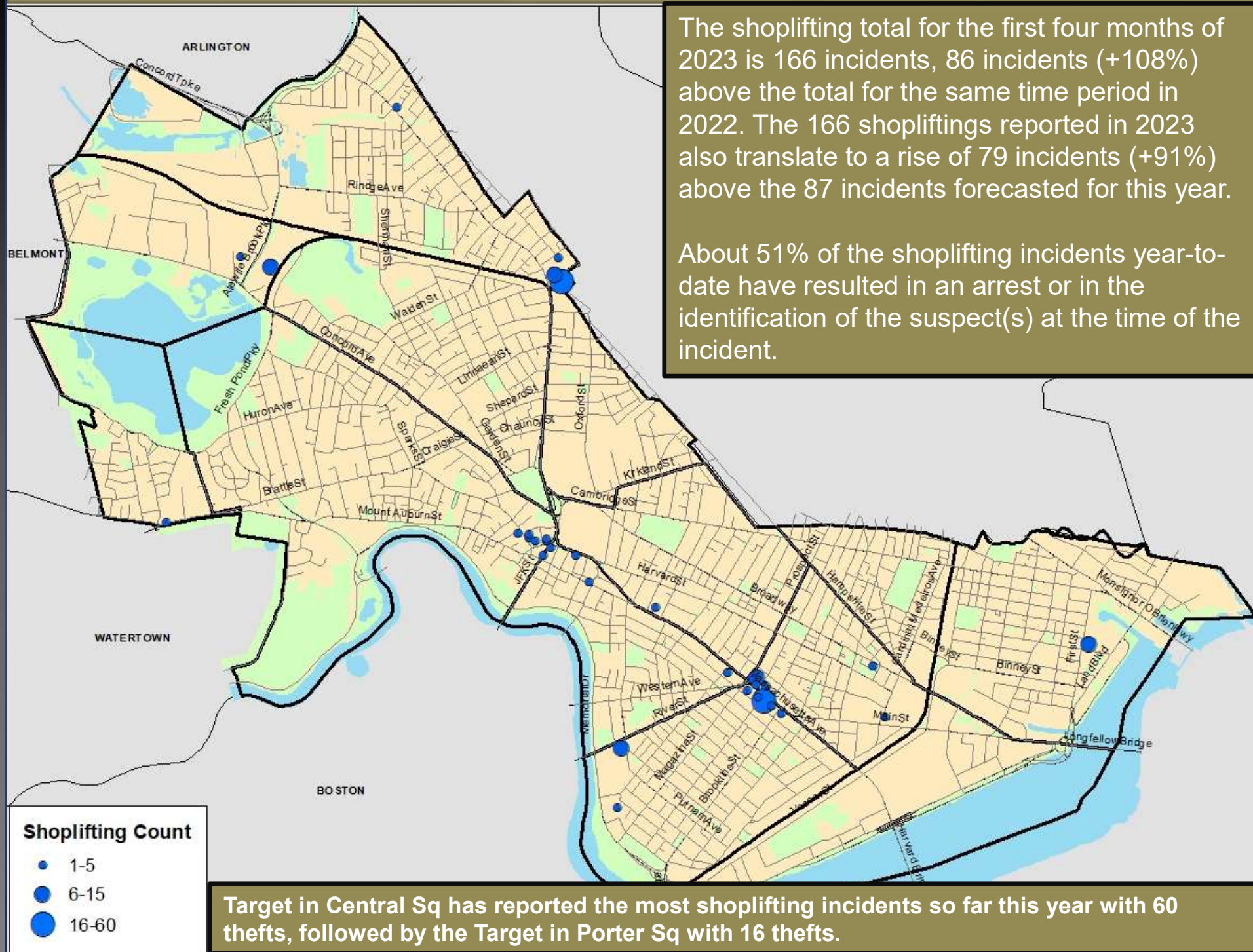


Geographic Breakdown of Package Thefts: 1.1.23 – 5.1.23





Geographic Breakdown of Shoplifting: 1.1.23 – 5.1.23





AUTO THEFT

No Patterns

- The five-year weighted average for auto thefts through May 1st is 27, and with 39 reported so far in 2023, Cambridge has experienced an increase of 44% above the expected total. Auto thefts in 2023 are also up 22% above last year's total of 32 through May 1st.
- When comparing the most recent four weeks (April) to the previous four weeks (March), auto thefts decreased by 18%, with two fewer incidents reported in April than in March.
- The neighborhood breakdown for auto theft totals so far in 2023 is as follows: Cambridgeport, North Cambridge and Inman/Harrington – 6 each; Highlands – 5; The Port – 4; Mid-Cambridge – 3; Riverside, East Cambridge, West Cambridge and Baldwin – 2 each; and Peabody – 1.
- There have been eight thefts reported so far in 2023 where the operator left the vehicle unlocked and running in order to warm up the vehicle, deliver a package, or grab food. When the victim returned, the vehicle was gone.
- There is an emerging trend in Cambridge and regionally of Kia and Hyundai thefts due to a recent TikTok trend targeting these vehicles. There have been at least eight of these thefts so far in 2023, as well as multiple breaks into these model cars, as mentioned on the Larceny from Motor Vehicle map on slide 18.
- Eighteen of the 39 vehicles reported stolen so far in 2023 have been recovered to date.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

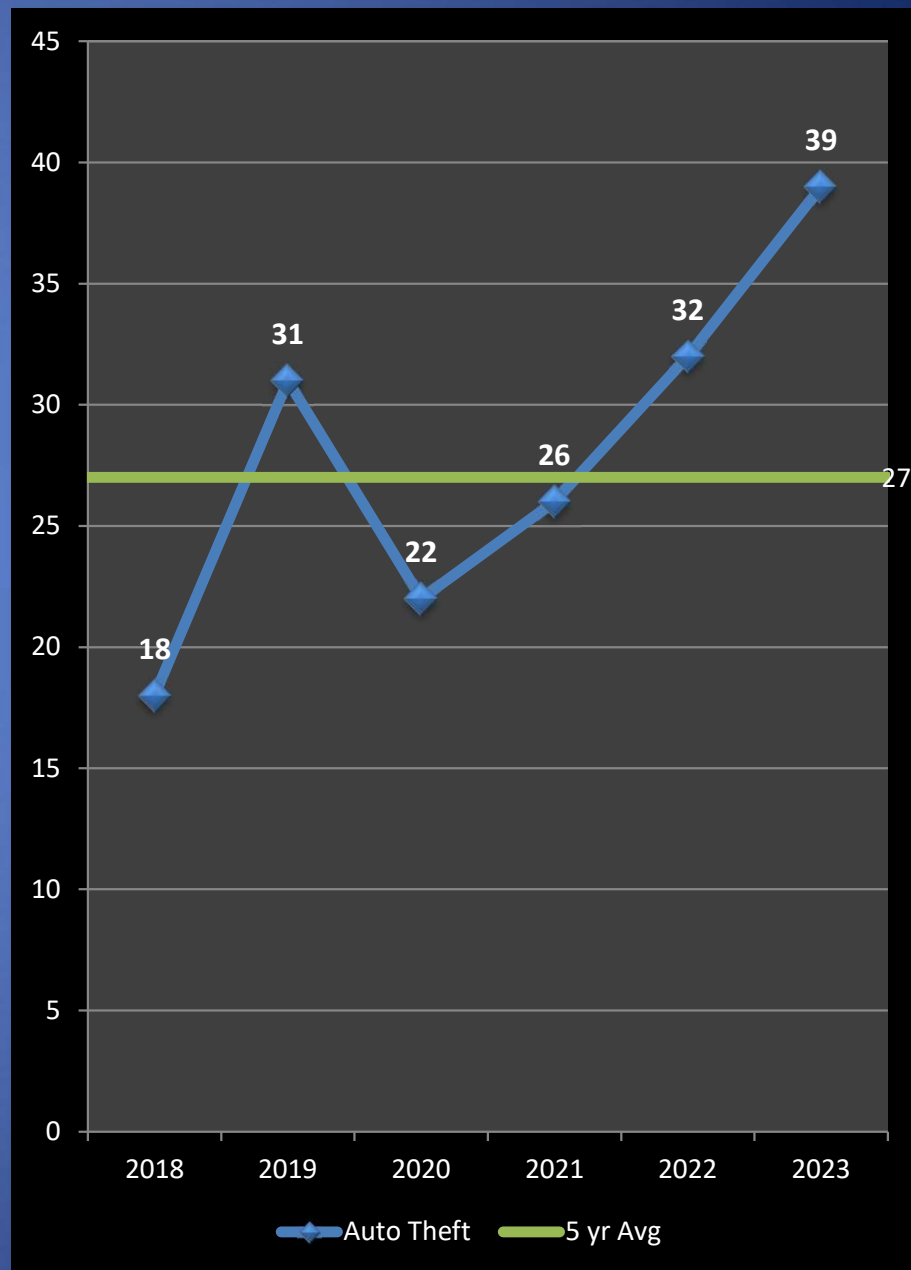
-18%

Previous Year

+22%

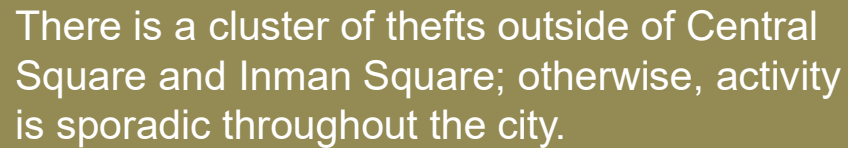
5-Year Average

+44%





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- Sign up with for the **Cambridge Alert Network**, to receive alerts about emerging crime patterns, neighborhood meetings, and crime prevention tips, by visiting www.CambridgeMa.gov/AlertNetwork.
- “Like” the Cambridge Police Department on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CambridgePolice
- Follow [@CambridgePolice](https://twitter.com/CambridgePolice) on Twitter.
- Visit our website at www.CambridgePolice.org for valuable information and reports including the Daily Log and BridgeStat, which is published on the first Friday of every month.
- Download our “MyPD” smartphone app at www.CambridgePolice.org/MyPD.

To Share Information with the CPD:

- Call our Non-Emergency Telephone Number at **617-349-3300**.
 - Every call for service generates a police response, so help drive our resources by reporting things that seem suspicious or out of the ordinary.
- Send an Anonymous TEXT-A-TIP:
 - Send an ANONYMOUS text message to **Tip411 (847411)**. Begin your message with Tip650 and then type your message. You will receive a response from the Cambridge Police with the option to continue communicating. Please remember that this is not a replacement for 9-1-1. **If you witness an emergency situation, please call 9-1-1 immediately.**
- Send an Anonymous Crime Tip E-Mail at www.CambridgePolice.org/Tips